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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT PRESS STATEMENT AGREED TO AT
END OF BILATERAL FRIDAY, APRIL 28:

QUOTE IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LAGOS ON
APRIL 2, 1978, THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT
OF NIGERIA, GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, AND THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES, JIMMY CARTER, AGREED TO ESTABLISH
JOINT WORKING GROUPS ON INVESTMENT AND TRADE, TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND EDUCATION.
THOSE WORKING GROUPS MET IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF
APRIL 24-28.

NIGERIA WAS REPRESENTED BY A DELEGATION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS
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HEADED BY ALHAJI ABUBAKAR ALHAJI, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES. IT INCLUDED PERMANENT
SECRETARY C. O. IBIE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
PERMANENT SECRETARY S. O. FALAE OF THE CABINET OFFICE,
AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
FINANCE, TRADE, WATER RESOURCES, INDUSTRIES, AGRICULTURE,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND EDUCATION, AS WELL AS THE CENTRAL

BANK, THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, THE
NIGERIAN AGRICULTURAL BANK, THE NATIONAL GRAINS PRODUCTION

COMPANY, THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION AND THE
NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY ROBERT HORMATS,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AND
BUSINESS AFFAIRS. IT INCLUDED AMBASSADOR DONALD EASUM,
UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA, AMBASSADOR ROBERT
SMITH, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT
CORPORATION, AND OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE
AND AGRICULTURE, THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION
AGENCY.

THE DELEGATIONS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN
BUSINESS, AGRICULTURAL, FINANCIAL AND ACADEMIC COMMUNI-
TIES AND WITH OFFICIALS OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY,
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OTHER
AGENCIES.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE BROAD RANGE
OF SUBJECTS COVERED, THE CORDIALITY AND CANDOR OF THE
DISCUSSIONS, AND THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARD BETTER MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND STRENGTHENED ECONOMIC COLLABORATION.
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THE DELEGATIONS WILL SUBMIT A JOINT REPORT TO THE HEADS
OF STATE OF NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES. THE JOINT
WORKING GROUPS WILL FOLLOW UP THESE DISCUSSIONS IN COMING
MONTHS AND WILL MEET AS NECESSARY TO BROADEN AREAS OF
AGREEMENT AND TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ENHANCE COOPER-
ATION IN SPECIFIC FIELDS. ADDITIONAL EXCHANGES ARE
PLANNED WITH PRIVATE SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
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